

## Items of Interest.

—Chaucer was well known at court as a poet before he was 25.

—Lima, Peru, has had two severe earthquake shocks. There was quite a panic for awhile, but the damage was found to be but little to what was feared, and no loss of life is reported.

—Rev. Frederick Temple, Bishop of London, has been appointed Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of the Church of England. He is 75 years old, and graduated from Oxford as a double first in 1842. He was formerly a broad churchman, but is now said to be "high."

—There is a law in Indiana that he who receives a bribe for voting or for refraining from voting may recover at law \$300 from the briber. The first case under it has come up before the court, and the decision is that the law is right. The court said it was unfortunate that in order to suppress that crime it was necessary to reward one of the criminals, but in no other way could the necessary information be obtained.  
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—The United States Government has selected a gun for the defense of the harbors. It is a twelve-inch gun which uses 450 pounds of powder for a charge and shoots a projectile which weighs 1,000 pounds. At a distance of seven miles this projectile will pierce eleven inches of steel armour.

—The dancing "Jim Crow" toy was devised for the amusement of a bed-ridden child. Then it was offered on the market and paid the owner \$75,000 net the first year.

—In New York there is an experiment to head off the pawnbrokers, a company having been formed to loan money on personal property at a low rate of interest. It has subsisted several months, and is successful. There is no desire to make money for the managers.

—Spurgeon is one of the men who live on. The publishers of his writings have just received an order for 1,000,000 copies of his sermons. Over 100,000,000 in all have been published and the demand is as large and as steady as at any time since it began, forty years ago.

—A university settlement for women is contemplated at Bombay, and two sisters, Mrs. Marion and Miss Ellen Stone of Newnham College, Cambridge, Eng., are making the necessary arrangements there. The way opens slowly for the women of India, but it is opening.

—In a suit involving the Singer Sewing Machine Company, the supreme court of Ohio has decided that when a company takes back any article sold on the installment plan because the purchaser has failed to make the payment agreed upon, it must refund to him all amounts already paid.

## Our Dead.

DILLON.—William J. Dillon was born May 18, 1857, in Virginia. Married to Anna V. Fisher Feb. 18, 1886, and to their union were born six children. Joined Brethren Church February, 1894. Died Oct. 11, 1896, aged 39 years, 4 months, and 23 days. Funeral preached by brother

W. W. Summers, Sunday, Oct. 25, from Prov. 27:1, and John 11:2.

Again has death visited a happy family and there is a vacant chair. Salem Church has lost a good brother. The neighborhood has lost a good neighbor. Brother Dillon was loved and respected by all who knew him. Again we can say, "gone but not forgotten." While we feel that Brother Dillon is at rest and gone where there is no more death, and we sadly miss him yet his name will ever be bright in our memory. Let us go on battling for the right. Let us ever fight satanic power then at last we can go to the land of eternal sunshine and clasp glad hand with our dear departed brother.

M. W. EIKENBERRY.

LIVENGOD.—Our dear young brother, David Livengood, died suddenly, in the 19th year of his age, at Juniata College, Huntington, Pa. David was not a member of the Brethren Church, but from the age he might be considered accountable, was, it is my great joy to say, seriously considering the matter of uniting with the church. I simply mean he was preparing according to judgment; but the Master had need of him, and called him to that paradise where the little plants grow more healthfully and matures more beautifully. If I were to write my dear young brother's epitaph I would have it read: *He hath done as He wilt with His own.*

Brother and Sister Livengood have our heartfelt sympathy. By and by our time shall come. Our hope is that, as one by one is wrenched from us here, we are but aggregating the company of those who will meet us on the eternal shores. The funeral services were conducted by Elder Swigert, assisted by Brother Gaunt, Stouffer, and the writer, in the German Baptist Church, Elk Lick, Pa.

J. C. MACKEY.

Meyersdale, Pa.

HOSTETLER.—Brother Samuel Hostetler died, after two weeks illness, at the home of his son brother John Hostetler, Meyersdale, Pa., in the 73rd year of his age. Brother Hostetler was a member of the German Baptist Church, and the community in which he lived long years, bear testimony to his rectitude and integrity both as a citizen and a Christian. We laid him away, as we rejoice to do, all good old men, who have served their time, and gone to their reward. Funeral sermon by the writer, assisted by Elder Johnson of the German Baptist Church, in the Meyersdale German Baptist Church.

J. C. MACKEY.

Meyersdale, Pa.

ROMBAUGH.—Died Nov. 5, 1896, infant daughter of brother Eugene and sister Verna Rombaugh, of near Pleasant Home, O. Funeral services at the home, conducted by the undersigned.

WM. KIEFER.

AUKERMAN.—Solomon Aukerman was born October 23, 1814, Preble county Ohio, died Nov. 3, 1896, Wabash, Ind., aged 82 years, and 11 days. Funeral services by the writer.

W. C. PERRY.

FOLMER.—Catherine Folmer was born in Rothenburg, Germany, April 9, 1809. Was married to Joseph Gardiner in Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 4, 1832. Made that their home for three years, then came to Indiana, May 15, 1835, where she remained until death. She was the mother of eight children. Seven sons still survive her, also the aged husband. Grandmother Gardiner was loved by all that knew her. She passed away Sunday evening, Nov. 1, aged 87 years, 6 months. Funeral by writer.

A. R. BEMENDERFER.

DRENNER.—Brother F. R. Drenner was born April 26, 1881, died Sept. 6, 1896, aged 15 years, 4 months, and 10 days. He united with the Brethren Church January, 1894. He leaves a widowed mother, one brother and four sisters to mourn his departure, his father having preceded him to the Spirit world. To Sister Drenner we extend our deepest sympathy, and may the Lord who is abundantly able to bless, sustain her in her sorrow. Funeral services by the writer from Rom. 14:7, 8.

M. S. WHITE.

## GENERAL LEE'S RETORT.

Early in the war, before General Robert E. Lee had proved his preeminence as a general, he was severely criticised on more than one occasion by a General Whiting. Whiting had stood at the head of his class at West Point, and was considered a bright capable man. One day President Davis, wishing an officer for some important command, called upon General Lee for advice.

"What do you think of Whiting?"

Lee answered without hesitation, commending Whiting as one of the ablest men in the army, well qualified in every way for the most responsible place.

One of the officers present was greatly surprised, and at the first opportunity drew Lee aside. "Don't you know what unkind things Whiting has been saying about you?" he inquired.

Lee's answer was of the best. "I understood," he said, "that the president desired to know my opinion of Whiting, not Whiting's opinion of me."—*Golden Censer.*